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AMENDMENT

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action, dated November 20, 2002. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one (1) month to March 20, 2003 is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. An elevator apparatus comprising:

an actuating device including a sheave around which a rope engaged with an ascending and descending cage is wound, said sheave being adapted to rotate thereby to move said rope with its rotation;

a driving section for rotating said sheave, said driving section including a speed-reducer, a motor assembly, an input shaft and a supporting member, the motor assembly including a rotary disc extending radially, a rotor being fixed to an outer circumference of the rotary disc, the input shaft fixed to a central portion of the rotary disc, the input shaft being